

WAR ITEMS.

Aginaldo has proclaimed himself President of the Philippine republic.

If Germany is not up to some trick in the Philippines, it has a strange fancy for exciting suspicion by unusual acts. Cable dispatches have already mentioned the mysterious movements of the German men-of-war, five of which are again at Manila. The British steamer *Edith*, which has reached Hong Kong from Manila, now reports that German warships have been landing stores at Marivales Bay under cover of night.

The fleet at Santiago is alive with rumors of friction between Acting Rear Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley. One of these rumors is that Sampson forbade Schley to make a report to Washington of last Sunday's naval battle. The only reports made to Washington were from Sampson and Watson, neither of them mentioned Schley. The President is said to have determined to promote both Sampson and Schley.

The garrison to be established at Honolulu will probably consist of the First New York volunteer infantry, Col. Barber, now enroute to San Francisco. Maj. Gen. Otis will accompany the regiment and will remain at Honolulu until the next expedition for the Philippines arrives.

The United States Government has been informed that Lopez Chaves, former Secretary to Gen. Blanes, has purchased two English schooners in Jamaica, which are thought to have landed at Havana with provisions for the Spanish troops.

Capt. Manero and Lieut. Menalategui, of the Spanish army, are under arrest in Mexico for organizing a body of Spaniards and Spanish sympathizers to make a raid on the Texas frontier. The officers will be held prisoners by Mexico until they can be returned to Spain.

Maj. Gen. Shafter has at last been able to make a complete report of the American losses in the battle of July 1 and 2. The killed numbered 230, the wounded 1,284 and 79 are missing. No statement of Cuban losses, if any, has been made.

The newspapers of Europe urge Spain to sue for peace, but the Spanish army representatives at Madrid clamor for more chance to satisfy Spanish honor.

Grave charges are made of neglect of wounded at Santiago. Men are said to have been left for days on the ground without shelter.

Naval Constructor Hobson and his crew of the *Mermaid* were exchanged last week for some Spanish soldiers. They were brought through the lines at Siboney and were delivered to the fleet before dusk. They had been well treated during their confinement and had no complaint to make.

Orders were issued Friday directing Admiral Sampson to detach from his command immediately the vessels that are to compose Commodore Watson's eastern squadron and to direct the Commodore to proceed at once to bombard the coast of Spain. His squadron will consist of the Iowa, Oregon, Newark, Dixie, Yankee, Yosemite, six colliers, and a supply boat.

The Government has decided to issue a weekly bulletin giving the whereabouts of the regiments of the volunteer army.

Four of Garcia's half-finished soldiers have died and others have been made ill by gorging themselves upon the food supplied by the Americans. Most of the Cubans are nearly starved when they reach the American army and are unable to restrain themselves when given a liberal supply of provisions.

The flying squadron is no more. The flag of Commodore Schley has been hauled down and the squadron consolidated with the fleet of Rear Admiral Sampson.

Twenty thousand refugees are now within the American lines at E. Caney to be fed by Gen. Shafter. This he cannot do, as it is with difficulty that sufficient food for the men in the trenches can be brought to the front. The refugees, mostly women and children, were practically driven from Santiago by the Spaniards. As a rule, they are open to their locality to the United States, and many of them are families of the men serving in the Spanish ranks. The Red Cross Society is adding somewhat in caring for the refugees, but can not do much.

ROCKIE VALLEY.

The farmers at this place remind me of the Acadian peasants. The father, son and husband are busy laying by corn, cutting oats and stacking wheat, while their spouse is roaming the hills in search of the fruit (black berries) which nature has afforded.

Ross Pack and Jarrel delivered interesting sermons to a large congregation Sunday.

Annie Williamson went to Louisville to have some work done on her teeth.

We are sorry to say that Miss Ella Workman, who has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism, is not any better.

Millard Chambers and David Meade were stretching their months from ear to ear here Sunday.

School will begin here Monday, with Lora Jackson as teacher.

Rev. Albert Miller will hold quarterly conference here Saturday and Sunday.

Ivanhoe.

MORGAN CREEK.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely and the people are taking a deep interest in it. There is some talk of having a Sunday School celebration here soon.

Harvey Hughes will commence a singing school at this place next Sunday. Harvey is a bright young man and will probably teach a good school. The tuition is 75 cents.

George Gayans gave the people here quite an interesting lecture about two weeks ago. His subject was war.

There was no preaching at this place last Sunday as, from some unknown cause, our preacher Rev. Hostetter did not come. Brother Tom Murphy held prayer meeting Sunday night.

Miss May Bell Atkins was visiting relatives at her place last week.

Miss Mamie Jones, of your place, is visiting relatives here this week. There will be three or four weddings on Raven Rock branch in the near future.

A difficulty occurred at the head of Morgan's Creek recently between three women over some water. They were all arrested and tried by Squire Jube and one was fined \$1, one was fined \$1 in two cases and the other came clear.

Hart Newsum and John D. Atkins have been on the sick list this week.

There have been several cases of measles in our neighborhood in the past four or five weeks. XX.

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